

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The A method in accordance with claim 1 comprising:~~
gathering data during a transit of a package between a source location and a destination
location, the data comprising:
- package data, the package data comprising:
- a package identifier and
- a package location, and
- delivery vehicle data associated with a delivery vehicle carrying the package, the
vehicle data comprising:
- a vehicle identifier and
- a vehicle location;
- consolidating the gathered data to develop current package location information; and
providing access to the current package location information in a consolidated tracking
display,
- wherein gathering the package data comprises recording the package data in a package
tracking database each time the package is handled during the transit, and

wherein gathering the vehicle data comprises recording the vehicle data in a vehicle tracking database each time the vehicle is accessed during the transit.

5. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 4, wherein consolidating the gathered data comprises updating the gathered vehicle location data with real-time vehicle location information.

6. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 5, wherein the real-time vehicle location information is captured using global positioning satellite (GPS) technology.

7. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 5, wherein the consolidated display comprises an indication to a user of which data derives from package handling.

8. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 4, wherein consolidating the gathered data comprises linking the package data to the vehicle data.

9. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 8,
wherein the package data further comprises the vehicle identifier, and
wherein the linking comprises utilizing the vehicle identifier of the package data to access the vehicle tracking database and retrieve the vehicle data for the vehicle carrying the package.

10. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 9,
wherein consolidating the gathered data comprises updating the gathered vehicle location data with real-time vehicle location information, and
wherein the consolidated display comprises an indication to a user of which data derives from package handling.
11. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 4,
wherein recording the package data in a package tracking database comprises capturing the package identifier directly from the package using an automated data capture technology, and
wherein recording the vehicle data in a vehicle tracking database comprises capturing the vehicle identifier directly from the vehicle using ~~an~~ the automated data capture technology.
12. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the automated data capture technology comprises at least one of bar code technology and radio frequency identification (RFID) tag technology.

Claims 13-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The A program product in accordance with claim 13 comprising:~~
a computer readable medium and computer readable instructions embodied thereon and effective when executing on a computer system to:
gather data during a transit of a package between a source location and a destination location, the data comprising:

package data, the package data comprising:

a package identifier and

a package location, and

delivery vehicle data associated with a delivery vehicle carrying the

package, the vehicle data comprising:

a vehicle identifier and

a vehicle location;

consolidate the gathered data to develop current package location information;

and

provide access to the current package location information in a consolidated tracking display,

wherein the instructions for gathering the package data comprise instructions effective when executing to record the package data in a package tracking database each time the package is handled during the transit, and

wherein the instructions for gathering the vehicle data comprise instructions effective when executing to record the vehicle data in a vehicle tracking database each time the vehicle is accessed during the transit.

17. (Currently Amended) The program product in accordance with claim 16,

wherein the instructions for recording the package data comprise instructions effective when executing to capture the package identifier directly from the package using an automated data capture technology, and

wherein the instructions for recording the vehicle data comprise instructions effective when executing to capture the vehicle identifier directly from the vehicle using ~~an~~ the automated data capture technology.

18. (Original) The program product in accordance with claim 17, wherein the automated data capture technology comprises at least one of bar code technology and radio frequency id (RFID) tag technology.

19. (Currently Amended) The program product in accordance with claim ~~43~~ 16, wherein the instructions for consolidating the gathered data comprise instructions effective when executing to update the gathered vehicle location data with real-time vehicle location information using global positioning satellite (GPS) technology, and

~~wherein the instructions for providing the consolidated tracking display comprise instructions effective when executing to indicate to a user which data derives from package handling.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The program product in accordance with claim ~~46~~ 39,

wherein the package data further comprises the vehicle identifier, and

wherein the instructions for ~~consolidating the gathered data~~ linking comprise instructions effective when executing to utilize the vehicle identifier of the package data to access the vehicle tracking database and retrieve the vehicle data for the vehicle carrying the package.

21. (Original) The program product in accordance with claim 20,

wherein the instructions for consolidating the gathered data further comprise instructions effective when executing to update the gathered vehicle location data with real-time vehicle location information using global positioning satellite (GPS) technology, and

wherein the instructions for providing the consolidated tracking display comprise instructions effective when executing to indicate to a user which data derives from package handling.

Claims 22-36 (Cancelled)

37. (New) The program product in accordance with claim 19, wherein the real-time vehicle location information is captured using global positioning satellite (GPS) technology.

38. (New) The program product in accordance with claim 19, wherein the instructions for providing the consolidated tracking display comprise instructions effective when executing to indicate to a user of which data derives from package handling.

39. (New) The program product in accordance with claim 16, wherein the instructions for consolidating the gathered data comprise instructions effective when executing to link the package data to the vehicle data.